## **REMARKS**

Prior to a first Office Action in this application, Applicants request that original claims 1-26 be cancelled. Claims 27-42 remain in this application. These amendments do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

GATES & COOPER LLP Attorneys for Applicants

Howard Hughes Center 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050 Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 641-8797

Date: March 30, 2004

By: Vistybley
Name: Victor G. Cooper

Reg. No.: 39,641

VGC/io

G&C 147.69-US-D1